## High-level segment

### Draft programme

**Wednesday, 29 September 2021**

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11:00–13:00 Transboundary water cooperation: a catalyst for peace

**Moderator:** Mr. Danilo Türk, Chair of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace, former President of the Republic of Slovenia

**Panel discussion 1 – Transboundary water cooperation as a key for regional peace and stability** *(25 min)*

- Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Finland
- Mr. Jüri Ratas, President of the Parliament, Republic of Estonia
- Mr. Serigne Mbaye Thiam, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of Senegal
- Mr. Mahdi Rashid Al-Hamdani, Minister of Water Resources, Republic of Iraq
- Mr. Abderahim Bireme Hamid, Executive Secretary, Niger Basin Authority

**High-level interventions from the floor** in relation to issues addressed by the panellists *(30 min)* *(3 minutes per statement)*

**Panel discussion 2 – The role of the Water Convention in fostering peace** *(25 min)*

- Ms. Cecilia Abena Dapaah, Minister of Sanitation and Water Resources, Republic of Ghana
- Mr. Shavkat Khamraev, Minister of Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan
- Ms. Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director-General, DG Environment, European Commission
- Mr. Darío Soto-Abril, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership
- Mr. Attila Tanzi, Chair of the Implementation Committee of the Water Convention

**High-level interventions from the floor** in relation to issues addressed by the panellists *(35 min)* *(3 minutes per statement)*

13:00–15:00 Lunch break
15:00-16:00  Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation to achieve sustainable development

**Moderator:** (tbc)

**Efforts to accelerate achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6**

Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Chair of UN-Water (tbc)

**Progress on transboundary water cooperation (SDG indicator 6.5.2 reporting)**

Main messages of the “Second report on SDG indicator 6.5.2: Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation to achieve Target 6.5” by Ms. Olga Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary and United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Ms. Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General (tbc)

**Panel discussion 3 – Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation** (25 min)

- Mr. David Choquehuanca Céspedes, Vice President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (tbc)
- Mr. Peter Thomson, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean
- Ms. Jennifer Sara, Global Director, Water Global Practice, World Bank
- Ms. Tatyana Bokova, Deputy Head, Federal Agency for Water Resources, Russian Federation

**High-level interventions from the floor** in relation to issues addressed by the panellists (15 min) (3 minutes per statement)

**Conclusions of the high-level Special session**

Mr. Tõnis Mölder, Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Estonia